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Vermont has honored herself in honoring that sturdy, picturesque Green mountain hero, Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. She also chose wisely in selecting Vice-President Fairbanks as the orator of the day at the dedication of the massive battlemented tower of granite.

Not the least impressive of the many figures in regard to railroad mileage, passengers carried, etc., are those which show that 10,046 persons lost their lives on American railroads last year. In other words, the railroads annually kill as many people as perish in a great battle.

New Orleans seems to be doing a healthy business despite the yellow fever quarantine. According to Bradstreet, the clearings of the Crescent City for the past week amounted to \$13,000,895, being 23 per cent in excess of the clearings for the corresponding week of last year. The clearings were also in excess of the clearings at Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Buffalo and Louisville, and only a trifle less than the clearings in Cleveland and Detroit. Apparently yellow jack is not the terror to business now that he was in former times.

Dr. Briggs of Nashville, Tenn., advocates race suicide for the poor. That would mean fewer people to work for the rich. But as race suicide is now practiced almost exclusively by the rich and well-to-do classes, who are constantly being recruited in blood and stamina from the ranks of the poor, what is to become of the race? Last year out of 809 children born in Chicopee, Mass., only 102 were born of American born parents. Of the others, 519 were the progeny of foreign born parents, while the other 119 were the fruit of unions between foreigners and natives. If the poor imitate the self-destruction of the rich, the human race will annihilate itself in an effort to defeat the laws of nature in defiance of the commandments of God.

Norway now presents the interesting spectacle of a kingdom in search of a king. In its act of disunion it committed itself to a continuation of the monarchial form of government, but thus far it has not been able to find

an eligible prince who is willing or who would be permitted to ascend the throne. King Oscar, for reasons of much strength, declined to let any of his family accept the invitation and now it is intimated that Prince Charles of Denmark, who seemed an ideal choice, is not to accept it either. Perhaps it will be easier to fill the throne after the terms of separation from Sweden are finally settled and Norway's independence is recognized by its late partner. If not, there is the alternative of a republic, which would suit many Norwegians better than a kingdom.

British pathologists, humanitarians, economists and beans have united in a crusade against ices and ice cream. The pathologist contends that by suddenly reducing the temperature of the digestive tract such food tends to weaken the heart and inflame the stomach. The humanitarian declares that dirty water, impure cream, adulterated ingredient flavors and poisonous phosphate, served up in sodas and ices will in time debilitate the races. The economist declares that London's middle, and lower classes, are come to spend almost as much on such stuff as they do and have done on liquor, and the bean opposes buying soda in addition to beer for pecuniary reasons. The bean, being the most directly concerned is likely to have most weight in the controversy and the soda and the ice will go from England if the bean do not demur. For it would appear that the English girl has learned from her American sister to hem! suggestively every time a soda fountain is sighted. But the iced drinks have their good side. They have caused, it is said, a marked decrease in the quantity of wines and liquors consumed in England. The home consumption's decline is shown by the following table, compiled from export reports:

	Wines	Spirits
	Gallons.	Gallons.
1890.....	16,661,000	44,413,918
1900.....	13,880,000	45,889,768
1901.....	15,280,000	45,209,481
1902.....	15,348,242	44,076,998
1903.....	13,042,000	41,884,052
1904.....	11,990,000	40,806,176

Consequently the British brewer and his brother, the distiller, add their cry to the pathologist in the discussion of sodas and ices.

GOOD NEWS.

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Washington, Aug 23.—Already the experts in the government census bureau are wondering how much further west than its present location is south central Indiana the center of American population will be found in 1910.

In 1790 this center was in eastern Maryland, and a century later it was in Indiana, twenty miles from Columbus, a city forty miles south of Indianapolis. In 1900 it had moved still further westward, though, owing to the marvelously rapid growth of the large eastern cities, the industrial awakening of the south, and the fact that most of the public domain available for immediate cultivation had been taken up prior to 1890 the distance covered was less than in any previous decade since 1810.

The present center of population is a few miles west of this same city of Columbus. The belief that 1910 will take the center toward the west boundary line of Indiana is based largely on the rapid growth in population of the south-west and the mountain country farther north.

As illustrations of the way this growth is progressing, it may be noted that from 1890 to 1900 the population of Oklahoma increased from 61,834 to 398,331, or more than 500 per cent; Arizona's population increased from 32,052 to 161,772.

The most of this increase has been due to immigration, which is still under way, and it is entirely probable that the census of 1910 will show in the localities named a growth which is almost as great as that between the years 1890 and 1900.

In proportion as this growth continues, the center of population will be affected. The great cities of the East continue to develop in population, owing for the most part to foreign population and this will be their condition for many years to come.

The only thing, therefore which can prevent the center of population from turning tail and moving eastward will be the continued growth of the country beyond the Mississippi and the Missouri.

In this connection it may be said that the rapid strides made the Puget sound country during the last census contributed its full share to holding the center of population toward the west, and the same sections will perform quite as important service in 1910. And what is true of Puget sound is true also of southern California.

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Total	147,852 73

LIABILITIES.

Capital paid in	\$100,000 00
Surplus	35,000 00
Undivided profit	14,927 21
Dividends unpaid	120 00
Subject to check \$389,704 31	
Time certificates	237,130 12
Demand certificates	14,861 01
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